

HOUSE BILL 487

By Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
relative to parental relocation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) For purposes of this section, "parent" shall also include a grandparent, if:

(A) The relocating parent has a history of drug abuse, violence, child abuse or neglect as determined by the court; and

(B) The child has a significant existing relationship including, but not limited to, the relationships described in § 36-6-306(b)(2) with that grandparent.

(2) Where a court is making a custody determination under subsection (e), and a party to the proceeding is a grandparent who has filed a petition in opposition, that grandparent has standing to petition the court for custody under this section and the court may award custody to the grandparent after consideration of the factors under subsection (e).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.